

What is claimed is:

1. A bathtub, comprising:
a reservoir;
a threshold having an outer edge and an inner edge; and
5 a slope included in the threshold and configured to direct water away from the
outer edge toward the inner edge.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the slope comprises a run-off surface
facing upwardly and inwardly.
3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the run-off surface is substantially flat.
- 10 4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the threshold comprises a substantially
horizontal surface between the slope and the inner edge.
5. The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the slope comprises an outer portion
with a height between .25 inch to 1 inch from the substantially horizontal surface.
6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the slope comprises a transverse span
15 between 0.5 inch to 3 inches.
7. The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the slope comprises an angle between
5 to 85 degrees with respect to the substantially horizontal surface.

8. A shower base assembly for use in connection with a shower enclosure,
comprising:
- a bottom floor;
 - an inner side portion adapted to be disposed adjacent an inner wall of the shower
5 enclosure;
 - a front side portion adapted to be disposed adjacent to a front wall of the shower
enclosure;
 - a rear side portion adapted to be disposed adjacent to a rear wall of the shower
enclosure; and
 - 10 a threshold portion including an outer edge, an inner edge and a slope
configured to direct water from the outer edge toward the inner edge.
9. The assembly of Claim 8, wherein the slope comprises a run-off surface
facing upwardly and inwardly.
10. The assembly of Claim 9, wherein the run-off surface is substantially flat.
- 15 11. The assembly of Claim 8, wherein the threshold comprises a substantially
horizontal surface between the slope and the inner edge.
12. The assembly of Claim 11, wherein the slope comprises an outer portion
with a height between .25 inch to 1 inch from the substantially horizontal surface.
13. The assembly of Claim 12, wherein the slope comprises a transverse
20 span between 0.5 inch to 3 inches.

14. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the slope comprises an angle between 5 to 85 degrees with respect to the substantially horizontal surface.

15. A slope for use in connection with an existing bathtub threshold or shower base threshold, comprising:

- 5 a length;
- an outer portion disposed substantially along the length and having a first height;
- an inner portion disposed substantially along the length and having a second height that is less than the first height; and
- a slope descending from the outer portion to the inner portion.

- 10 16. A method for preventing leakage from a bathing area, comprising:
- providing a threshold disposed adjacent to an outer side of the area;
- providing the threshold with a slope that declines as it extends inwardly;
- receiving water with the threshold; and
- directing the water away from an exterior of the area and toward an interior of the
- 15 area with the slope.